

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PACING MODE SWITCHING
DURING ATRIAL TACHYARRHYTHMIAS**

ABSTRACT

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A method for operating a cardiac pacemaker in which the mode of operation of the pacemaker is altered in response to detecting an episode of atrial tachycardia. In accordance with the invention, the pacemaker's pacing mode is altered in a manner that attempts to maintain hemodynamic stability during the atrial tachycardia. Such a mode switch is particularly applicable to pacemaker patients suffering from some degree of congestive heart failure.

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